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FOR THE

Baildon Urban District Council,

BY

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ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE HEALTH OF THE

Baildon Urban Sanitary District

For the Year 1921.

To the Chairman and Members of the Baildon Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my Sixth Annual Report for the year 1921.

The health of the district has been very good and there have been no serious epidemics during 1921, except the last month when there was an outbreak of Influenza of a mild type.

Birth-Rate.—There have been 107 births in the district—51 males, 56 females, one illegitimate female.

Deaths.—There have been 82 deaths during the year, 67 of which have died in the district and 15 have occurred in out districts—males 32, females

50. There have been 33 deaths over 60 years and upwards.

Infantile Deaths.—There have been 14 deaths of infants under one year, 10 of which took place in the district and 4 outside, making a rate of 93·55 per 1000 deaths.

Infectious Diseases.—There have been 20 cases of infectious diseases notified during the year; 5 of Diphtheria, 12 of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Tuberculosis; with two deaths, one of Diphtheria and one of Scarlet Fever.

Notifiable Diseases during the Year.

DISEASE.		Total Cases.	Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Diphtheria...		5	5	1 under one year
Scarlet Fever		12	9	1 under 18 years
Enteric Fever				
Pneumonia				
Tuberculosis				
(*a*) Pulmonary	M.	1		
	F.	0		
(*b*) Non-Pulmonary	M.			
	F.			
Ophthalmia		None.		

Nursing.—There is a District Nurse in the village who is provided for by voluntary subscriptions. No arrangements are made by the Local Authority with regard to her. There are no Midwives subsidised by the Council.

Clinics.—During the year a "Maternity and Child Welfare Centre" has been opened in the village (For Consultation and Treatment) under the control of the West Riding County Council. It has been fairly well attended considering that it is at the top of the hill. It is thought that if it were removed to Woodbottom it might be made greater use of. Rooms have been obtained there and it is hoped to get removed about next May.

Hospitals.—There is the Fever Hospital at Menston, to which the infectious cases are removed from Baildon. Sir Titus Salt's Hospital at Saltaire is available for accidents and acute cases arising in the district.

The *Laboratory Work* is done at Wakefield County Hall.

Sanitary Administration.—The Bake-houses in the district have been inspected and all found to be in a satisfactory state.

The Slaughter-houses have all been visited and were in a satisfactory state.

Most of the Cowsheds have been inspected and those that were not satisfactory were requested

to be made so which, with one exception, were complied with.

There are a part time Medical Officer and a Sanitary Inspector, both of whom are paid part salary under the Public Health Act.

Housing.—I should like to again draw the attention of the Council to the number of defective fall pipes, spouts, and closets.

These in many cases that have again and again been reported and notices given to the owners, but nothing has been done. I think it high time the Council took action and attended to them and made an example of one or two. What is the good of giving notices to get a nuisance removed in 14 days if no action is taken. I know one case where to my knowledge there are three houses built ten feet against a bank with no spouts on one side and the water runs down the walls. A case where 20 or more people only have one closet. Another where there are 30 to one. This has been reported but nothing done. A case where the landlord was given notice to convert a midden closet into a w.c. about six years ago; nothing done yet.

Water Supply.—There has been a serious shortage of water during the summer and autumn, and some parts of the district are still without an adequate supply. I think that it is the duty of the Council to look ahead and see that provision is made for a good supply to the district on the north

side of West Lane. That is one part of the district in which building operations are most likely to take place in the near future. There have been very many complaints from that district during the last year.

Several samples of water have been tested during the year and all reports were good and the water found suitable for domestic use.

I am, yours obediently,

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Medical Officer of Health.

Enfield, Baildon,
March 21st, 1922.